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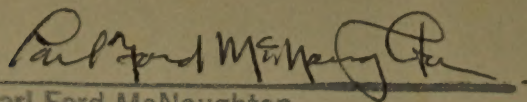
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# To THE WOMEN OF THE CONFEDERACY

Whose pious ministrations to our wounded soldiers soothed the last hours of those who died far from the objects of their tenderest love; whose domestic labors contributed much to supply the wants of our defenders in the field; whose zealous faith in our cause shone a guiding star undimmed by the darkest clouds of war; whose fortitude sustained them under all the privations to which they were subjected; whose floral tribute annually expresses their enduring love and reverence for our sacred dead; and whose patriotism will teach their children to emulate the deeds of our revolutionary sires; THESE PAGES ARE DEDICATED  
By Their Countryman,

J E F F E R S O N   D A V I S

From title page of Vol. 1—"Rise and Fall of the  
Confederate Government" by Jefferson Davis





# THAT *Southern* MEN AND WOMEN

MAY ALWAYS REMEMBER...

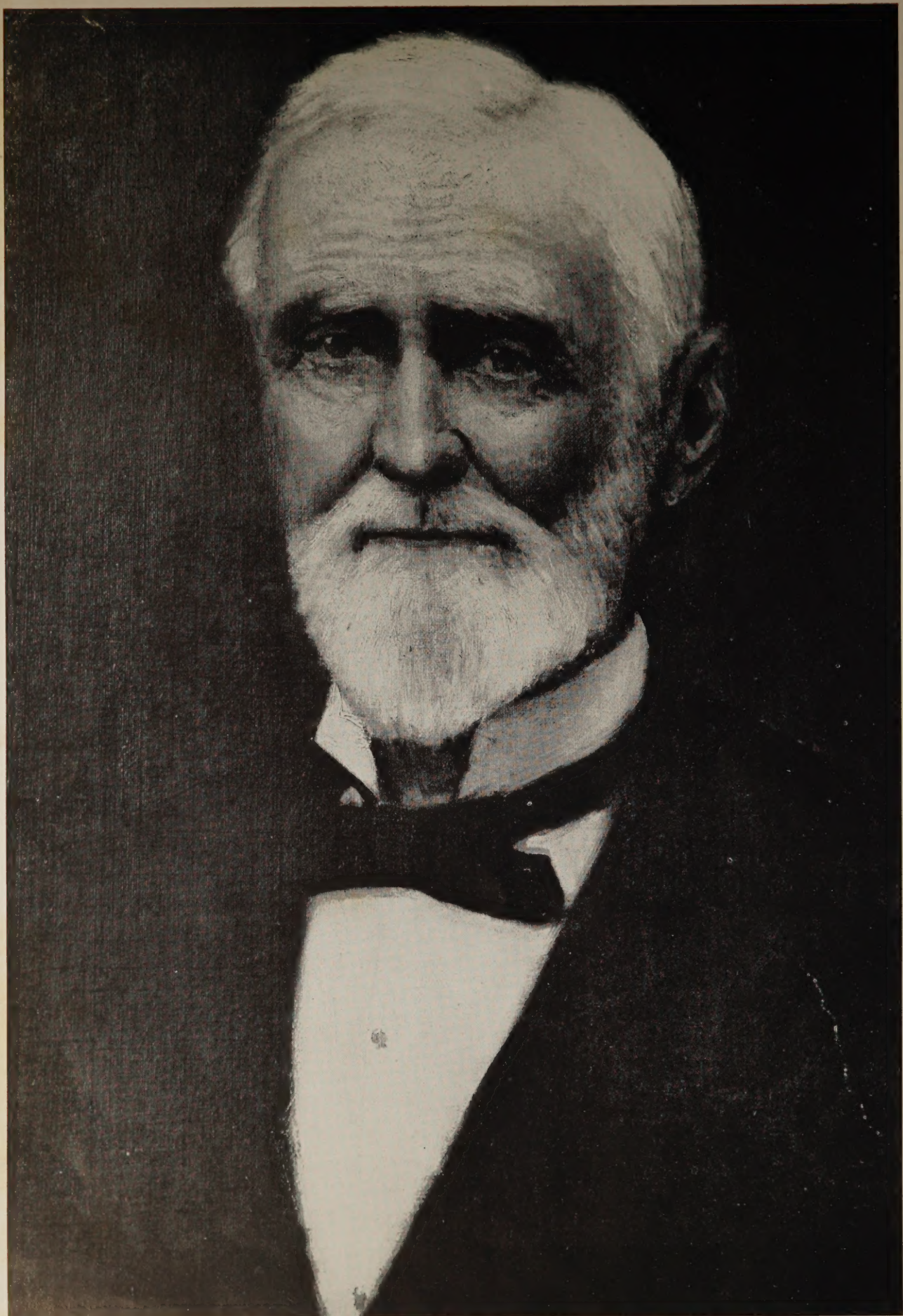
The ranks of Confederate gray have all but disappeared with time, but the cause for which they fought, the principles for which they died remain to Southern men and women as the proudest heritage of a free people.

Yet today there is a clear and evident danger that our children and our children's children may forget that heritage. A danger that they may, through our neglect, fail to remember that the South is ever in need of men and women who can be stirred by the same high purpose which led Lee and Davis and the thousands on thousands of brave and far-sighted men and women of the Confederacy to give generously of their fortunes and their lives.

The "lost cause" of the Confederacy? No! Not lost so long as we remember, as our fathers did. And *never* lost if we provide, while time remains, a fitting memorial. Not a memorial of cold stone and chiselled inscriptions, which would convey but little of the inspiration of the Confederacy. But a living, ever green memorial fashioned from the flowering abundance of Nature's gifts to the Southland. A warm and perpetual shrine where the sons and daughters of the Confederacy may come not only to honor the dead but also to partake of renewed determination that the ideals of the heroes of the Confederate States shall never die.

Such a place for keeping this precious flame alive in the hearts of our people will be the Jefferson Davis Shrine and Confederate Memorial Gardens. Here will be combined in one development the tribute of all eleven states which formed the Confederacy. There is no more fitting location for this memorial than the site of the last home of the leader of the cause which Southern men and women can never permit to be lost—Beauvoir, beloved home of Jefferson Davis.









# Jefferson Davis

## PRESIDENT OF THE CONFEDERACY

When Jefferson Davis came to Beauvoir after the defeat of the Confederate armies, he was "A citizen of no land under the sun, proscribed, misrepresented and derided." Yet here, in the heart of his beloved Southland, he became in his last years a symbol to which the oppressed Southern states turned for inspiration and strength during the ordeal of the Reconstruction period.

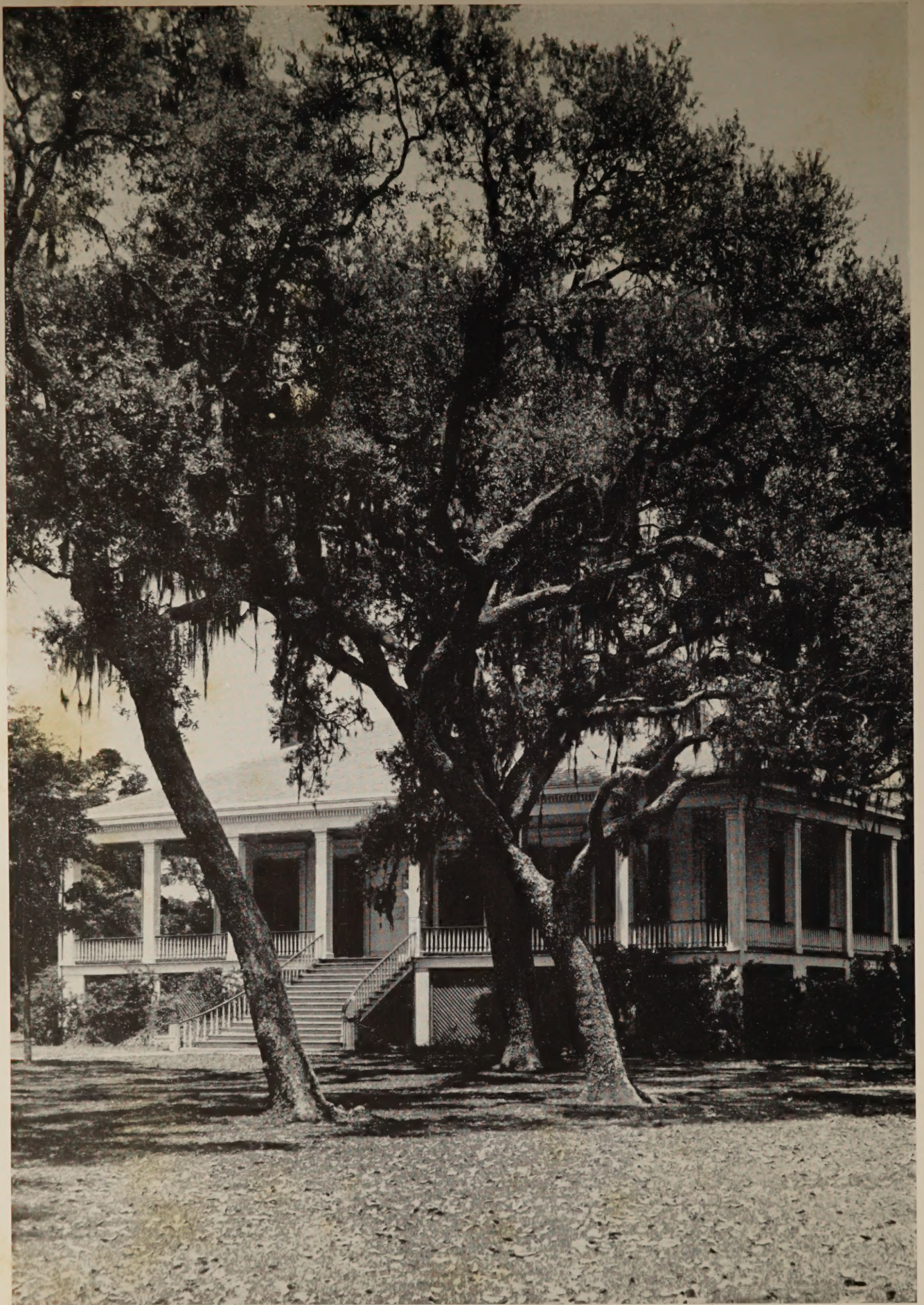
Born in Kentucky, an officer in the Regular army and later, during the Mexican war, an officer in the nation's Volunteer army, Jefferson Davis combined a sound military knowledge with a wide experience as member of Congress, Secretary of War under Pierce, and later in the Senate.

In his post as Senator his wisdom and broad statesmanship made him the acknowledged leader of the Southern senators in their long and bitter fight for the interests of the South in the years preceding the Civil War.

It was because of his commanding eminence that he was unanimously chosen, against his wishes, because he preferred to serve in the field, as President of the Confederate States of America. Son of a Revolutionary War Soldier, schooled in a proud tradition of independence, and a strong and brilliant champion of Southern principles during his legislative career, Jefferson Davis gave to the cause of the Confederacy an intense devotion and, in the end, his life.

To the Confederacy which he loved and served so well, he devoted the last years of his life at Beauvoir to writing his "Rise and Fall of the Confederacy." In retirement, he sought to explain the motives, the deeds, and the suffering of the Southern people so that the high principles for which they fought might remain an inspiration to future generations of Southern men and women.









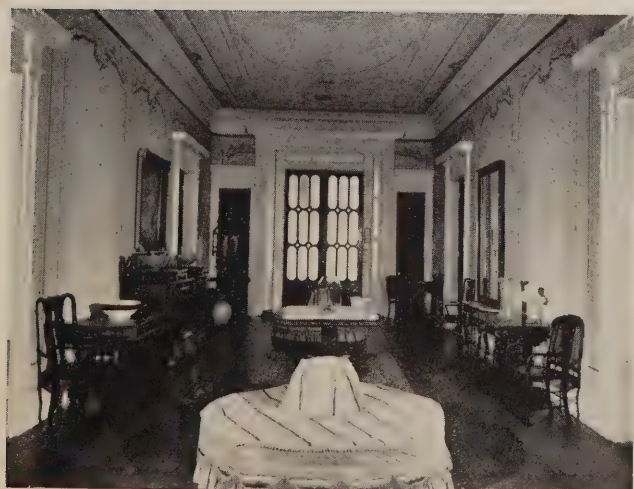
# Beauvoir...

## JEFFERSON DAVIS SHRINE

At Beauvoir, the man who led his people in an unsuccessful war spent his last years, until he died with a place in their hearts that no victor ever had.

Beauvoir, which is freely translated "beautiful view," was the home of Jefferson Davis from 1877 until his death in 1889. Mrs. Davis transferred the property to the Mississippi Sons of Confederate Veterans, and in 1940 the Mississippi Legislature passed a bill authorizing the conversion of Beauvoir into a Jefferson Davis Shrine. The property now consists of an 87-acre tract and two cottages and a log cabin kitchen, in addition to the mansion.

The plan for the Jefferson Davis Shrine and Confederate Memorial Gardens offers an opportunity to create a living memorial large in scale and of national importance. Its possibilities as a mecca for tourists can scarcely be exaggerated. Its location in Biloxi on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, U. S. Highway 90, a main East-West traffic artery, is perfect from the standpoint of accessibility. Traffic counts show approximately 10,000 vehicles pass the Shrine each day. The semi-tropical climate is ideal for a garden type memorial wherever changing year-round masses of color and flowers are planned.



*Beauvoir's entrance hall has many original pieces*



*Room of Winnie Davis, "Daughter of the Confederacy"*





ACREAGE TO BECOME

# *Confederate Memorial Gardens*

The large acreage surrounding the Jefferson Davis Shrine will be developed into an extensive garden with many features. It is planned to convert the existing brick hospital adjacent to the Library into a museum and administration building. In order to give it a new setting and proper importance, large terraces are planned on the East and South facades. Connecting the last terrace with the entrance road will be a forecourt. It is planned to create a definite memorial area or feature for each of the eleven Southern states. The museum development will provide the setting for six of these features.

It will be necessary to remodel the hospital for its proposed use as a museum and administration building, and to provide imposing facades on the East and South sides.

A very wide and long walk will be created across the front of the property. Its purpose is to give access to the Beauvoir house from the museum area and to the Confederate Memorial Gardens which provide dedicated areas for the remaining five states. As one traverses this proposed walk many excellent views of the beautiful Gulf of Mexico may be enjoyed. Spectacular plantings of camellias, azaleas and other flowering shrubs would entirely close in the garden. The state flower would also be used in the proximity of the respective memorials for each state.

The termination of the Confederate Memorial Gardens is conceived as a court of flags, providing a background for a handsome Confederate statue. Flags of the United States of America and of the Confederacy would guard the court



## **PRESENT SHRINE WILL BE CENTER OF NEW DEVELOPMENT**

on either side. In a semi-circular arrangement flags of the eleven participating states would be erected.

A development of this magnitude will need access drives and parking areas for motor vehicles. The entrance road is planned at the East end of the property where a contact station for the collection of fees and information service would be provided. Access to the forecourt of the museum will be from this road, although except for special occasions the forecourt gates would be kept closed and motor vehicles will be channeled into the parking area just north of the museum. Adequate overflow parking space has been provided for immediately adjacent to the developed parking area. Continuing from this point the road would cross a lagoon to the higher ground in the back. The lagoon would be formed by dredging out a small swamp area and by damming a small stream which flows through it. Bordering the lagoon would be a lavish display of flowering shrubs. Across the lagoon the road would loop informally and give access to the cemetery in the rear of Beauvoir. This entire back area would be planted informally with a wealth of flowering shrubs and trees.

At the back end of the property a complete service, maintenance and nursery area is proposed. This would include living quarters for workers, the head gardener and the superintendent. Equipment, storage and material storage building would be provided, together with a loading shed, potting shed, lath houses and green houses. Three nursery blocks would complete this part of the development. This area would have direct but inconspicuous access to the remainder of the development for efficient management and operation.





OPEN LAWN AREA

LAGOON

MOTOR BRIDGE

FOOT BRIDGE

SPRING

FOOT PATH

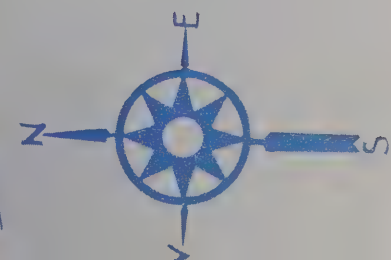
PARKING AREA

SERVICE ROAD

CEMETERY

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JEFFERSON DAVIS SHRINE AND  
*Confederate Memorial Gardens*  
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI





# *Confederate Memorial Gardens*

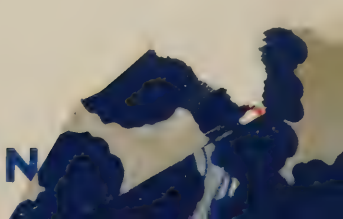
TO KEEP ALIVE THE IDEALS OF THE SOUTH

The Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Davis Shrine already has secured from experienced architects and landscape engineers drawings and sketches of the proposed Confederate Memorial Gardens and the improvements to the Shrine, and the legislatures of each of the eleven states that comprised the Confederate States of America will be asked to appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, every dollar of which will be used solely for improvement and development of the Shrine and Gardens.

The Board has opened a special Jefferson Davis Shrine and Confederate Memorial Gardens escrow account with the First National Bank of Jackson, Mississippi into which each state may pay its one hundred thousand dollar contribution. Thus, it is expected that a total of at least \$1,000,000 will be raised by the "Confederate States" to carry out the proposed additions and improvements.

The Mississippi Legislature at its regular 1950 session appropriated \$100,000.00 as Mississippi's share of this development. The Governor of Mississippi has placed Mississippi's \$100,000.00 in the escrow account in the First National Bank of Jackson, Mississippi.

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## **ORIGINAL CONFEDERATE STATES ASKED TO PROVIDE MILLION DOLLARS**

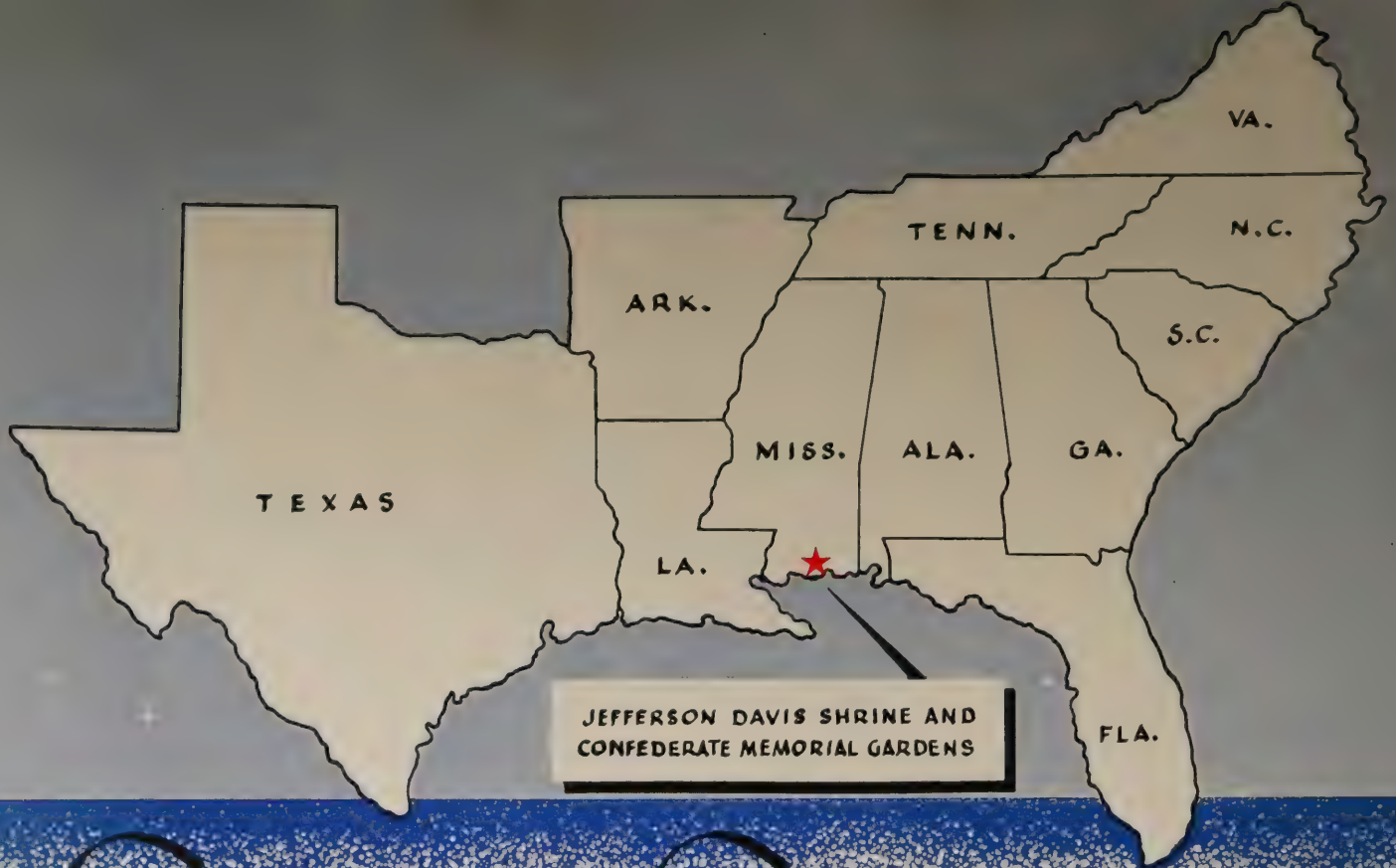
The Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Davis Shrine has pledged to each of the states asked to appropriate sums for development of the Shrine and Gardens that upon completion of the work it will create an Advisory Committee consisting of one person from each contributing state to be appointed by the Governors of such states for periods to be determined on a staggered basis.

Admission fees collected from visitors to the completed Shrine and Gardens will be carefully budgeted and audited and used first for the maintenance and operation of the Shrine and Gardens. One-half of each annual surplus, over maintenance and operation, will be placed in the endowment fund for the Shrine and Gardens.

Under a plan designed to further the ideals of the Confederacy in the hearts and minds of the young men and women of the South, the remaining half of each annual surplus will be equally returned to the contributing states for Jefferson Davis Memorial Scholarships for worthy young men and women of such states, in their own state colleges and universities. The Board also has pledged the states that when the endowment fund of the Shrine and Gardens totals one million dollars, then all of the annual surplus, over maintenance and operation, will be equally distributed to the contributing states for such memorial scholarships.

**WOMEN MAY ALWAYS REMEMBER ★ ★ ★**





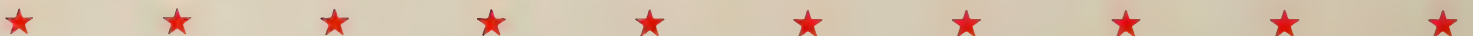
EACH

# *Southern State*

## TO BE FEATURED IN THE GARDENS

The plan for the Memorial Gardens prepared by architects and landscape engineers call for the establishment of an area for each of the eleven states that comprised the Confederacy which will memorialize their contributions to the Confederate cause. The museum development will provide space for six such areas, and the remaining five state memorials will be scattered throughout the Gardens.

Beauvoir will be the center of the development. The house is already furnished with authentic pieces and provides an extremely interesting exhibit. The grounds immediately surrounding the house, the Hayes Cottage and the Library, will be kept as nearly as possible in the same state as they were during the period when Davis lived at Beauvoir. A fence will be maintained around this area which will provide a background for a colorful border of annual and perennial flowers.





## **ALABAMA**

Alabama will be featured in the Gardens with a memorial tablet placed at one end of the walk across the front of the Garden area.

## **ARKANSAS**

At the other terminal of the walk across the front of the Gardens will be placed the Arkansas memorial, which will balance the Alabama shrine.

## **FLORIDA**

Florida's memorial statue will be located at the northwest corner of the Garden area, directly north of the memorial to Arkansas war dead.

## **GEORGIA**

On the East terrace and occupying a central place in front of the Museum will be erected a statue in memory of the Georgia war dead.

## **LOUISIANA**

A memorial figure south of the forecourt at the end of the long walk fronting the property will be dedicated to the state of Louisiana.

## **MISSISSIPPI**

Mississippi also will be featured by a memorial figure, similar in motif to the Louisiana memorial, and at the northern boundary of the forecourt.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

Near the Museum and placed at one side of the steps used as an approach to the East terrace will be a memorial tablet to North Carolina.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

South Carolina's war dead will be memorialized with a tablet located on the south flank of the approach steps to the East terrace of the property.

## **TENNESSEE**

At one corner of the garden section west of the Shrine and close to the Court of Flags will be placed the memorial statue of Tennessee.

## **TEXAS**

A Texas memorial shaft will be located at the end of the front walk which forms the focal point of the axis of the formal Memorial Gardens.

## **VIRGINIA**

A fountain and pool will be placed in the center of the forecourt east of the Administration Building and Museum for the Virginia Memorial.

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Throughout the Memorial Gardens and Shrine areas, the state flowers of the respective states will be used in plantings near each memorial.



*The imposing marble Memorial Arch which serves as a gateway for the main entrance to Beauvoir was erected in 1917 by the Mississippi Division United Daughters of the Confederacy.*



# A PRACTICAL *Finance Plan*

THAT WILL REPAY EACH CONTRIBUTING STATE

A sound and practical financial plan for development of the Jefferson Davis Shrine and Confederate Memorial Gardens has been developed by the Shrine's Board of Trustees. Under this plan it is expected that in ten years after completion of the development the contributing states will have had returned to them for their Jefferson Davis Memorial Scholarship funds substantially the amount of their contribution.

Several thousand visitors each month now pay admission fees to see the present Shrine alone. Improvement and expansion of the Shrine and development of the surrounding acreage into the extensive gardens will add greatly to its attraction for tourists. The experience of similar developments indicates that the Shrine and Gardens may reasonably be expected to attract a number of people sufficient to provide an annual income of three hundred thousand dollars.



# EVERY *Safeguard*

## PLACED AROUND EACH CONTRIBUTION

Under the financial plan, one half of the annual surplus, over maintenance and operation, will go to the endowment fund for the Shrine and Gardens and the other half will be returned to the contributing states. When the endowment fund totals one million dollars, the entire surplus, over maintenance and operation, will be returned annually to the states for their memorial scholarships.

All contributions paid into the special escrow account or any sums secured from sources other than the eleven "Confederate States" will be held in escrow until a total of one million dollars has been paid into or made legally available to the account. Should the escrow account fail to have had a total of one million dollars deposited into it or made legally available to it by June 30, 1953, the escrow agent will return all funds contributed to the contributors.





## RESOLUTION OF INTENTION

"BE IT RESOLVED By the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Davis Shrine (Beauvoir), in meeting duly assembled in Jackson, Mississippi, on Thursday, December 7, 1950, that,

"WHEREAS, In 1902 Mrs. Varina Jefferson Davis, the deceased widow of Jefferson Davis, the only President of the Confederate States of America, conveyed to the Mississippi Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, a Mississippi corporation, the extensive property known as Beauvoir, the last home of the only president of the Confederate States, situated in Harrison County, Mississippi, facing the Mississippi Sound and now located on U. S. Highway 90 known as the Old Spanish Trail, as a perpetual memorial, sacred to the memory of Jefferson Davis and to his family and the Lost Cause, and pursuant to this deed and up to this time this home and property has been maintained with the assistance of the State of Mississippi in accordance with the purposes set forth in this deed; and,

"WHEREAS, in cooperation with and at the request of said Mississippi Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Mississippi Legislature enacted Chapter 315 of the General Laws of 1940 creating the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Davis Shrine consisting of six members, all to be named by the said Mississippi Division of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, two of them to be elected by that organization, two of them to be named upon nomination of the Mississippi Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and two of them to be named upon the nomination of the Governor of the State of Mississippi; and there was vested in the said Board as now constituted the full power and authority to maintain and operate the said property as the Jefferson Davis Shrine and to improve, repair, maintain, and preserve the said Shrine and to do all things necessary to that end; and,

"WHEREAS, Both prior to and since the passage of the said 1940 statute this Board and all parties interested have dreamed and hoped for a program to improve, enlarge, and beautify the last home of Jefferson Davis, to restore the same as nearly as possible to the conditions existing there at the time the deceased president resided on the property and to establish and maintain Confederate Memorial Gardens on the property constituting part of the Shrine so as to make a fitting memorial to the deceased President of the Confederate States of America, his family, and the Lost Cause represented by him; and,

"WHEREAS, By virtue of the purposes of this Board, at the 1950 regular session of the Mississippi legislature there was enacted House Bill No. 492 making an appropriation of the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to said Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Davis Shrine at Beauvoir to be used as a part of a fund of not less than Nine Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000.00) for the improvement and enlargement of the Shrine, of which the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) was dedicated to expenses to be incurred in raising the additional funds to provide sufficient money to adequately restore, improve, and enlarge the Shrine and for building of the Confederate Memorial Gardens at Beauvoir, and Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) of which appropriation was made contingent upon this Board's being able to procure from other sources and particularly from the other ten states which were formerly members of the Confederate States of America the additional sum of Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) and which statute of the State of Mississippi provides that if the funds are raised and the Shrine has been restored, beautified, and improved and the Confederate Memorial Gardens completed, this Board shall create an Advisory Committee composed of one man from each contributing state to be appointed by the governor of that state to advise with the Board in connection with the management of said property; and which further provides that when the Shrine and Gardens are completed and opened to the public reasonable admission fee shall be charged to visitors to the Shrine and Gardens and that the same will be carefully budgeted and audited and first used for the maintenance and operation of the Shrine and Gardens and then that one half of the annual surplus, after providing the expenses of maintenance and operation, shall be placed in a reserve fund for the future use in maintaining and operating the Shrine and the remaining one half of said surplus each year shall be divided equally and made available to the states contributing to the cost of constructing and improving the Shrine and to be used by each state to provide 'Jefferson Davis Memorial Scholarships' for worthy boys and girls of such state in its own state colleges or universities; and providing that when the reserve fund for the Shrine and Gardens totals the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00), then all of the annual surplus over and above the cost of maintenance and operation shall be distributed equally to the contributing states to be used for said scholarships; and,

"WHEREAS, This Board desires to announce to the states

and to all interested persons its purpose and intention of improving, enlarging, and beautifying said Shrine and of establishing the same as a perpetual and appropriate southwide memorial to the beloved president of the Confederate States and to the Cause and to the men and women he represented, and is calling upon all interested persons and organizations to support this program and to assist in raising the necessary additional funds to final completion; and this Board does particularly call upon the legislatures of the eleven states that comprised the Confederate States of America for each of them to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) toward the cost of establishing the Shrine and the Memorial Gardens and requests and asks the aid of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans and of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and of all of the descendants of the soldiers of the Confederacy to assist with this program in each of said states; and,

"WHEREAS, This Board has secured the assistance of experienced architects and landscape engineers and is procuring drawings and sketches of the proposed Confederate Memorial Gardens and for the improvement of the Shrine in which appropriate recognition shall be given to each of the contributing states:

NOW, THEREFORE, In order to state clearly the intention of this Board in reference to this program, Be It Resolved By the Board of Trustees of Jefferson Davis Shrine:

1. That it formally announces the program to raise a minimum sum of Nine Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$975,000.00) of which Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00) has already been made available by the State of Mississippi plus an additional amount of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for expenses in connection with the raising of additional funds;

2. That this Board pledges itself to use the funds so raised in the actual enlargement, restoration, improvement, and beautification of the Shrine and in the construction of the Confederate Memorial Gardens, in the event the campaign for raising the necessary funds is successful;

3. That in case any state makes available the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) and then should the program prove unsuccessful by virtue of the fact that the remainder of the amount needed is not made available, then the amount so made available by any state will be returned to that state or that state in making its own appropriation can make provision whereby such appropriation from it would not be used unless the full sum necessary can be raised;

4. This Board pledges to each contributing state that upon completion of the Jefferson Davis Shrine and Confederate Memorial Gardens it will create and recognize the Advisory Committee consisting of one person from each contributing state to be appointed by the governor of that state for periods to be determined by said state, preferably upon a staggered basis for the members of the Committee from the various states, and the Board further declares its intention to fix reasonable admission fees to be collected from visitors to the Shrine and Gardens and that all collections shall be carefully budgeted, audited for the information of all parties concerned, and that the receipts from the Shrine will be used for the maintenance and operation thereof and then that the annual surplus shall be handled as already stated for the creation of an endowment fund or reserve fund for the Shrine itself and for distribution equally to the contributing states for the Jefferson Davis Memorial Scholarships for worthy young men and women as already shown. This Board further declares that should this Fund-Raising Campaign prove successful, it will provide appropriate recognition to each state contributing to the undertaking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legislatures of each of the Southern states and all other interested persons and organizations are respectfully urged to lend their assistance and cooperation in carrying out this worthy undertaking."

### CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Mrs. Estelle B. Heiss, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Jefferson Davis Shrine, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of said Board duly and regularly called and held in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, on the eighth day of December, 1950, as the same appears upon the minutes of said Board.

Witness my signature, this the 8th day of December, 1950.

/s/ ESTELLE B. HEISS, Secretary.





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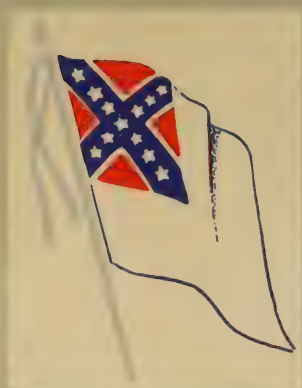




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